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1. DEPARTMENT AND AID ARE ADDRESSING QUESTION OF DISPOSI-

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TION OF PORTION OF FEOF KIP BALANCE ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. IN

MANAGER HUNT'S FEBRUARY 3 LETTER. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS, PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION SUGGESTS OUR FREEDOM OF ACTION TO LINK OUR COOPERATION ON FEOF DISSOLUTION WITH DEFINITIVE MOVEMENT ON UNFREEZING OUR BANK ACCOUNTS IS LIMITED (REFTEL PARA 6).

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD CONCUR, HOWEVER, IN YOUR TAKING ALL THE TIME YOU NEED TO INSURE THAT OUR ACCOUNTS ARE INDEED THAWED BEFORE PRESSING AHEAD ON DISPOSITION OF FEOF BALANCES. IN ANY EVENT, ARTICLE 19 OF THE 1975 CONFIDENTIAL LETTER DOES GIVE US, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER FEOF PARTICIPANTS, MEANS OF BLOCKING ANY HANDOVER OF THE BALANCES TO THE LAO, SHOULD WE SO CHOOSE.

3. U.S. REP. AT DAB MEETING MAY ADVISE OTHER REPS THAT WHOLE SUBJECT IS UNDER REVIEW AT WASHINGTON AND U.S. REP. MUST AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

4. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD

ASCERTAIN MANNER AND TIMING OF FEOF DISSOLUTION ENVISAGE BY MANAGER HUNT, AS WELL AS THE BASIS OF HIS CALCULATION OF PORTION OF KIP BALANCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO U.S. PRE-1974 CONTRIBUTIONS. ALSO WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE GATHERED ON POSITIONS OTHER FEOF DONORS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE RE DISPOSITION OF BALANCES AND TERMINATION OF THE FUND. KISSINGER

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